

ember 30. After an invocation by the Rev. R. L. Swain, Mayor Woodbury L. Melcher, president of the Hospital Association, reviewed the work of the hospital from its establishment in 1898 to the present time. Dr. G. P. Conn, of Concord, gave an interesting address on hospital work in general, and was followed by Colonel S. S. Jewett, who expressed his appreciation of the work of the hospital. Dr. A. Haven Harriman addressed the graduates in well-chosen words, giving much valuable advice, and in conclusion presented diplomas to Ethel Olive Broadie, Fredericksburg, Ia.; Margaret M. Sullivan, South Berwick, Me., and Grace Marie Renwick, Eliot, Me. Vocal selections were rendered during the evening by the Oberon Ladies' Quartette. An informal reception, when light refreshments were served by the undergraduates, brought to a close the first public exercises of the kind in the history of the hospital.

THE seventh annual commencement exercises of the Colorado Training-School for Nurses in connection with the City and County Hospitals of Denver, Colo., were held at this hospital January 12, 1905. The opening address was made by Dr. C. S. Elder. Diplomas were presented by Mayor Speer to the following young ladies: Ida Mercer, Chariton, Ia.; Elizabeth Belcher, Randolph, Utah; Vida Matthews, Roseburg, Ore.; Cynthia Dozier, Denver, Colo.; Edna McHenry, Denver, Colo.; Minnie McCrosson, Victoria, Ill.; Kathryn Wilkin, Hutchinson, Kan.; Marie Farner, Zurich, Switzerland; Virginia Bainard, Mt. Carroll, Ill.; Jessie Leckliter, Quincy, Ia.; Flora Shields Plumley, Boston, Mass.; Edith Orman, Denver, Colo.; Clara Stueven, Chicago, Ill.; Margaret Wheatley, Aspen, Colo.; Carrie Richardson, Georgetown, Colo.; Belle Crockfort, Oconto, Wis.; Margaret Fitzgerald, Boston, Mass.; Cornelia Trafford, Richlevel, Mich.; Christine Hammond, Springfield, Ill.

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## PERSONAL

MISS AUGUSTA C. ROBERTSON, graduate of the Boston and Massachusetts Hospital Training-School and for several years superintendent of the Training-School for Nurses at Tewksbury, Mass., has resigned to accept the position of superintendent of the Elliot Hospital, Manchester, N. H. Miss Rachael Bourke, formerly of Cooper Hospital, Camden, N. J., will succeed her at Tewksbury.

MRS. HUNTER ROBB, who has been spending a few days visiting at the Johns Hopkins Training-School, gave a delightful informal talk to the graduating class on "Nursing in the Early Days at Bellevue Hospital." A very large number of head nurses and pupils from other classes were present.

MISS ELIZABETH CAMPBELL GORDON succeeds Miss Flaws as superintendent of the Kingston Hospital, Canada. Miss Gordon is a Toronto General graduate, and for five years had charge of the Emergency Branch of the Toronto General Hospital.

MISS KATE GURNEY, graduate of the Orange Training-School, is successfully engaged in chicken farming in California, and Mrs. Sarah A. Vernol-Simonson, of the same school, has taken a fruit farm in the same State.

MISS ROBINA STEWART, recently head nurse of the private wards, Johns Hopkins Hospital, has gone to the Knowlton Hospital, Milwaukee, to take charge of the Training-School.

MISS ANTOINE KNAPP, Class of 1896 of the Orange Memorial Training-School, has returned to her home in Germany owing to the illness and subsequent death of a sister.

MISS CLARA GREEN, who graduated from Toronto General Hospital in 1891, has accepted the position of superintendent of the General Hospital, Belleville, Ont.

MISS EVELYN DICKENS (Toronto General, 1903) has resigned her position as night supervisor to take a position in the office of Dr. Herbert Bruce.

MISS MARY E. STUART, graduate of the Orange Memorial Hospital, has regained her health after a serious surgical operation.

MISS CHRISTINA HALL (Toronto General), superintendent of the Jamestown Hospital, N. Y., is spending three months in Europe.

MISS MARY GRAHAM, Orange Memorial Training-School, has recovered from a tedious illness and is again to take up work.

MISS ISABEL TURNER, superintendent of nurses, City Hospital, Vancouver, B. C., has resigned her position.

MISS JEANNETTE NEILSON entered upon her duties as night supervisor in the Toronto General on January 1.

MISS H. ALICE TURBINE has resigned the position of matron of the Beverly Hospital, Mass.

ALICE M. STEEVES, D.D.S., has moved her office to 355 Boylston Street, Boston, Mass.

MISS HARRIET STAPLES, of the Orange Training-School, is again doing settlement work.

MISS JULIA STEWART (Toronto General) will spend the winter in the south of France.



THE DANGER OF INFECTION TO THE ATTENDANTS OF TUBERCULOUS PATIENTS. —The *Medical Record* gives the following synopsis of a very reassuring article in the *Boston Medical and Surgical Journal*: "Louis Faugeres Bishop declares that the idea that tuberculosis is of necessity contagious is not strictly true. We all take in germs of tuberculosis from time to time. There will be fewer tubercle bacilli found in the tuberculous ward of a hospital than in the air of a dusty street, for in a crowded street all conditions are favorable. We do not get tuberculosis because we enjoy a natural immunity against it. The tubercle bacilli may be introduced into the human body, but there will, ordinarily, be no ill effect. The one exception is in the case of a very severe infection if the person is inoculated with the germs of tuberculosis repeatedly, and the natural immunity temporarily broken down; but even then if the individual is not susceptible he will throw it off. Many people are afflicted with this disease for a little while, but the condition is not recognized, and the lesions heal and the patient recovers. The writer hardly considers it fair to put tuberculosis in the same category with other contagious diseases, because it is only contagious in the sense that it may be transmitted from one to another, but is not contagious in the sense that the average person is liable to catch it. As far as danger in taking care of tuberculous patients is concerned, it is practically nil.